



Robert M. Van Ginhoven

October 26, 2018

Robert M. Van Ginhoven, 84, of Lancaster, Pa., died on Friday, October 26, 2018, at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in New York City, he was the son of the late Jack Van Ginhoven and Louise Herde Van Ginhoven, and the loving husband of Doris M. Beck Van Ginhoven to whom he was married for 59 years.

A graduate of Michigan State University, he served in the U.S. Army as a Corporal during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning from service, Robert worked as an engineer for New Holland Machine Company for 30 years where he developed an astounding 17 patents. He was honored to participate in an Information Exchange with Russia during his tenure.

Robert was the quintessential “do it yourself” guy who seamlessly handled all projects related to carpentry and plumbing. He enjoyed gardening and specialized in vegetables. Always youthful throughout his life, he enjoyed biking, skiing, horseshoes, volleyball, badminton and bocce. Particularly, he loved swimming and boating in Chesapeake Bay and vacationing in Long Eddy, NY at their home known as “The Estate”. He and Doris travelled the world but had an affinity for Penobscot Bay, ME.

He was a member of the Agricultural Engineers Society and the Lancaster Ski Club and participated in the Silver Sneaker program at Universal Athletic

Club. He and Doris attended frequently through the years the Fremont Community Church in Fremont Center, NY.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters: Barbara Leed (Richard) of Quarryville; Joyce Reynolds of Portland, OR; Grace Van Ginhoven (Luis Tome) of Houston, TX; Fern Van Ginhoven (Michael Ramsey) of San Antonio, TX.; two granddaughters: Caitlin and Casey Reynolds of Portland, OR.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Robert's Celebration of Life Memorial Service at The Groff's Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) Lancaster, PA on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at 12:00 Noon with Rev. Dana E. Statler officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial donations in Robert's name may be made to Humane League of Lancaster County, 2195 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert M. Van Ginhoven*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 30, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ *Robert M. Van Ginhoven*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Bob, the loons at Patten Pond will be sad to hear of your passing. Man, we had some good times my friend. I hope you and the Pup Magnusson are together and have a grand time together. I feel blessed to have known you and to have such great memories. Rest in Peace Uncle Bob. Pierre Weston*

Peter Weston - December 18, 2018 at 08:17 PM

SP

“ I am a member of silver sneakers and always loved talking with Bob. I hadn't been to the gym for two weeks and just returned today. His friend Bob told me Bob died. I was sad that I hadn't seen him lately and wouldn't again. He was a great guy. My best to his wife and daughters especially Barbara who usually accompanied Bob. He will be missed.

shirley price - November 05, 2018 at 09:33 PM

LS

“ Heartfelt condolences go out to Aunt Dorie and the girls. Have a few beers with Everett for us.

Lisa Shumaker - November 01, 2018 at 12:24 PM

LS

From the Shumaker, Elwell and Cribbs families

Lisa Shumaker - November 01, 2018 at 01:25 PM

Alex
Reynolds

“ I can remember it like it was yesterday. We all packed up and headed to grandma and grandpas for a visit! I was so excited! Once we got there my mom told us we were going to go up to New York to see how the bees make the yummy honey that I love. I rode in the truck with grandma and grandpa. I remember listening to the news and weather while Grandma was humming a little tune. The car smelled like moth balls yuck!. There was a big spider in the back seat with me too! I squealed and told grandpa to smash it and he told me “No spiders are good! They eat all the bugs that eat my vegetables!”. As unsatisfied with that answer as I was I quickly forgot about the spider. We arrived in New York and got out and stretched. One of the first things I remember doing was seeing a motor bike! I begged and pleaded and finally grandpa got it running and we rode that bike like the wind. It felt like we were flying. I always think about that day. I have countless memories running around the vegetable garden and hiding in the huge stalks of corn. I have the most wonderful memories with him running around fixing things and building contraptions. There was never a dull moment. Always moving and running around being active! To Joyce, Hamp, Fern, Grace, Caitlin, Casey, Doris, whoever you are! I love you all very dearly.



Alex Reynolds - October 30, 2018 at 10:07 PM

XW

“ XOXO Bruce, Lori, Bendan, Riley & Reese Wilson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Robert M. Van Ginhoven.



XOXO Bruce, Lori, Bendan, Riley & Reese Wilson - October 30, 2018 at 09:04 PM



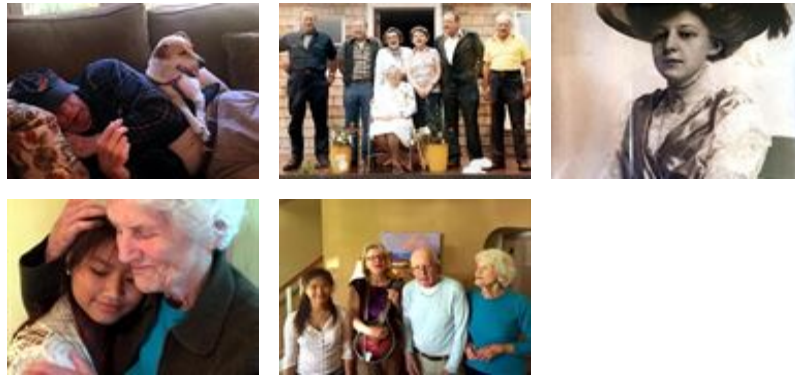
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert M. Van Ginhoven.*



October 30, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ *56 files added to the album Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 30, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Zim and Deb - October 29, 2018 at 02:45 PM

PK

“ So many great memories. The ski trips, the train rides, the boating outings, “The Estate” excursions. We never went away for a “bad time”! Xctry ski trip to a B&B in Starrucka with caretakers name Ted and Ginny, or was it Ned and Jennie?!!!! So many laughs and so much fun. Blue moon evenings spent boating and back diving on the Chesapeake where boating was always “family fun”! Boat opening parties where we had so much help (and fun) we made the other boaters jealous! The August birthday parties and ski trips to killington where we stayed at mountain meadows and gazed at the stars. A trip across the ocean to a place where we learned the true meaning of “we pretend to work and they pretend to pay us”! The Estate “work weekends” where we tied flies in the summer and skied in the winter. Ski Acidalia!!
Rest In Peace my old friend. Phyllis

Phyllis Keil - October 29, 2018 at 01:03 PM

GL

“ We had many great times with Bob and all your family, both skiing, boating and the various picnics. I enjoyed both the serious , deeper thought discussions with him about the meaning of life, and the many lighter moments. He set a good example for us in engineering and in his energy to promote the ski club and all outdoor activity.

Gil Linde - October 29, 2018 at 07:32 AM